

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. Apparatus for facilitating placement of a cardiac pacing lead within the vascular system of a patient comprising:

(a) an elongated guidewire of a first predetermined flexibility and having a predetermined outer diameter and length;

(b) an elongated, polymeric lead body whose flexibility is less than the predetermined flexibility of the guidewire, the lead body have a proximal end, a distal end and a lumen extending therebetween, said lumen sized to receive the guidewire therethrough and with an electrode disposed on the lead body proximate the distal end thereof; and

(c) means on the guidewire adapted to cooperate with a predetermined portion of the lead body when the proximal end of the guidewire is pushed in a distal direction for positioning the electrode at a desired location in the vascular system, the flexibility of the guidewire relative to the lead body maintaining the electrode at the desired location as the guidewire is extracted from the lumen.

2.-37. (Canceled)